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NOTICE OF APPEAL
FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated March 10, 2004, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 14-24.

A 2-month extension of time to respond to the final rejection is flied herewith.

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The fee of \$330.00 is Charged to IBM Corp. Deposit Account No. 09-1990. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees or to credit any overpayment to the designated Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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